GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DEPLOYMENT OF M-II AND GHOURI MISSILE BY PAK
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is reported to have deployed M-II and Ghouri-3 missiles in Ravalpindi;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to counter the Pakistani move in this regard? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Government are aware of Pakistan's possession of missiles, including those of Chinese andKorean origin. However, there are no confirmed reports to suggest that Pakistan has deployed M-11 and Ghouri-3 Missiles at Rawalpindi.

All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and all necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness to thwart any attempt of misadventure on the part of elements hostile to India.